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Development (1941) Department.

MS. SERIES.

G.O. No. 1703

Dated 16/5/41

[Despatch Abstract.]

Economic condition — South Canara district — Rice supplies — Reduces railway rates to Mangalore — Provision of shipping space for Burma imports — Papers — Record

D.O.
Ref.A5.1759-41.

S.Kanara Collector's Office

Mangalore, 4th June 1941.

15255 F/16 S No 68

My dear Menon,

Economic Condition - South Kanara Dt.- Rice - Supplies -

My D.O. dated 11.5.41 and your D.O. No.7978-F/41 dated 19th May 1941.

I have received a further 'appreciation' of the situation from the South Kanara Chamber of Commerce. I am in further consultation with them on certain points arising out of that and I am arranging to meet their representatives on the 9th. I shall send a report on the 10th or 11th.

Yours sincerely,

4/6/41.

Sri Rao Bahadur C.P.Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to Government, Development Department,
Stonehouse Hill, the Nilgiris.

A.S. Secret for perusal. R.D. 12.6.41

7.6.41.

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D.O.
Ref.A5.1759-41.

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 9th June 1941.

My dear Menon,

Economic condition - South Kanara Dt.- Rice - supplies-
My D.O. dated 4-6-1941.

I have had a further communication from the representat: of the Kanara Chamber and have also had a discussion with them to-day.

They are in touch with surplus areas like Conjeevaram, Tanjore and Cocanada and can get supplies from there as and when necessary. These areas are cheaper than Malabar or Rangoon. But as prices now stand in these areas they may not be able to get the supply and market it locally at the prevailing rate of prices, and primary producers who have stocks with themselves or in Co-operative godowns are not willing to release stock, either, at the existing level of prices. Their point is therefore that if the existing level of prices is to be maintained either the Government will have to arrange for a reduction of Railway freight or primary producers will have to be ordered to release their stock ~~from~~ for sale at the existing level. I told them that the latter course is not contemplated; and that if no stocks local or external can be brought on to market at the existing level naturally there should be no objection to the prices being put up to the extent necessary to get them from the surplus areas and their own reasonable margin of profit added . With that arrangement, and with the possibility of that arrangement always being available, local producers will also, normally, be induced to release their stocks at that level. The merchants will be proceeding accordingly. No immediate shortage is apprehended. But the shortage, considered as for the whole monsoon period, referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of my D.O. dated 11-5-41, still remains. Only about 11,000 muras seem to have come in from outside since that estimate was made. The merchants

are confident however that from the surplus areas referred to they will be able to get the requirements as and when required. In the whole process of getting local stocks released at appropriate prices, and of getting the external stock later on, depends on the prices prevailing in the surplus areas - viz., Conjeevaram, Tanjore and Cocanada. And in the whole process it looks as if there will be a perceptible rise beyond the present level. Any rise is bound to cause hardship to certain classes of the people like urban wage-earners and to a smaller extent rural labourers. The extent of this hardship can considerably be minimised if the Railway freights could be reduced and the prices kept down to a corresponding extent. I request therefore that the Government may be pleased to arrange for Railway freights from Railway Stations in the Chingleput, Tanjore and East Godavari Dts. to Mangalore to be reduced to the level of the rates from these places to Calicut. That is the only step that is necessary at present.

Yours sincerely,

Sri Rao Bahadur C.P.Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department, Stonehouse Hill,
The Nilgiris.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Letter No. 15255F/41-2 d/ 27.6.41
Ref.

To

The Agent & General Manager,
South Indian Railway Company,
Trichinopoly

M & S.M. Railway Company,
Madras.

Sir,

Economic condition - South Kanara District - Rice shortage - Railway freight - reduction.

I am directed to say that a certain amount of shortage of rice is anticipated by the Collector of South Kanara in parts of the South Kanara district during the monsoon months. The local merchants are in touch with surplus areas like Conjeevaram, Tanjore and Cocanada and expect to get supplies from there, but having regard to the prices which ~~are~~ prevail in those areas and the existing railway freight rates they will not able to market them in South Kanara at the ~~willing~~ prevailing in that dist rates of prices, which are fairly high even now. ~~The Collector has the~~ It has been suggested to the Govt. that ~~steps may be taken to reduce~~ the railway freight rates on rice from stations in the Chingleput, Tanjore and East Godavari districts to Mangalore could be reduced to the level of the rates from these places to Calicut, ~~It is likely that such reduction will result in~~ there could be increased movements of rice by rail to Mangalore

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the above circumstances and
In view of the economic situation in the
West Coast on account of the recent cyclone
and floods I am directed to enquire whether
your Administration ~~will be so good as to~~ would consider the question of reducing
~~reduce~~ the freight rates so far as the
traffic over your Railway is concerned.

An early reply is requested.

23.6.41

Copy to the Collector of South Kanara.
" Board of Revenue.
" D.I.G.

28.6.41

10.7.41

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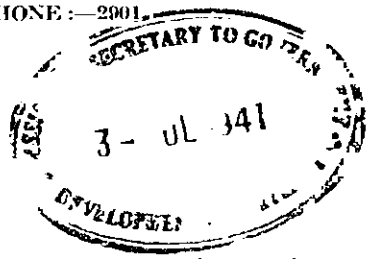
THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY CO., LD.

(Incorporated in England.)

POST BOX No. 523.
TELEGRAMS :—"FREIGHT", MADRAS.
TELEPHONE :—2901.

Agent & General Manager's Office,
~~AXXXMXS OFFICE~~,
PARK TOWN,
MADRAS.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE—



No. P. 617. Dated, 2nd July, 1941.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Economic condition . South Kanara District - Rice shortage - Railway freight - Reduction.

In reply to your letter No. 15255-F/41-2 dated 27th June, 1941, I have the honour to state that your letter relates, so far as this Administration is concerned, to the freight rates from stations in the East Godavari District to Mangalore. It is requested that these rates be reduced to the level of the rates from the same points to Calicut.

2. In point of fact, the rates are at present on the same level as those to Calicut allowing for the additional mileage to Mangalore. The rate from Cocanada is the lowest permissible, viz., .1 pie per maund per mile, and the rates from other stations, though slightly higher per mile, are already on a very low basis.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Agent & General Manager.

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Communicated to
the Coll[r] of S. Canara
Board of Revenue in
D. O. &c.

continuation of Govt's letter
pp 3-4 and No 15255 F/Cel-2 Dtd 27-6-41
to the Agents of the R & S.R. and
S.I.Ry Companies.

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To the Coll[r] of S. Canara
" " Board of Revenue
D. O. &c

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D.O. 15255-F/41-4 dt 10 7 41

My dear Subramaniam,

Economic condition
— South Canara Dt —
Rice shortage — Railway
freight — deduction
Ref:- ~~Yr~~ my letter
No 15255 F/41-2 dt.
dt 27-6-41 to the
Agent and general
manager of the S.I.R
and M & S.M.R.
Companies ~~copy of this~~
~~was communicated to you~~
with ref to the suggestion made
at the end of your D.O No Ref-AS-1759-41
dated 9.6.41, I am directed
~~enclose for your information~~
invite your attention to para 2 of the
~~copy~~ of a letter No
O. 617 dt 2-7-41, received from the
Agent and general
manager of the M & S.M
Ry. Co ~~reply to his~~
~~Yr letter quoted~~
above.

To
N.V. Subrahmanyam, Esq. I.C.S.,
Collector of S. Canara.

with ~~copy~~ to the D/f of Rep
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with enclosure
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Letter No. 15255 F/41-3 dt 8.7.41
Reg.

To

The Agent and
general manager
S. I. Rly. Co
Trichinopoly

Hod dr
9.7.41

Sir,

Economic
condition - S. Canara
Dt - Rice Mortage -
Rly. freight - Reduction
- Reg my letter No
15255 F/41-2 dt.
dt 27-6-41.

dd 5-6 41

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I am to
request the favour
of an early reply.

Yours
9/41

Rly one week

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in England)

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14/7/41

TELEGRAMS: SILVIA, Trichinopoly.
TELEPHONE: 82.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
No. JUL 1941
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE AGENT AND GENERAL MANAGER.

Trichinopoly, 12th July 1941.

No. D.T.9/3/2407.

The Asst. Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Economic condition - South Kanara District - Rice shortage - Railway freight - Reduction of.

Your letter No.15255-F/41-3, dated 9th July 1941.

The matter is under correspondence with the Chief Commercial Superintendent of this Railway and a reply will be sent to you as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

for Ag. Agent & General Manager

SAS/S.T.

D.O.
Ref.C.No.1759-41-A5.

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 11th July 1941.

My dear Menon,

Economic Condition - South Kanara Dt. - Rice - Supply -

My D.O. dated 9-6-1941.

In continuation of my D.O. cited above, I enclose a copy of the "appreciation" of rice situation in this district for the month of June 1941, furnished to me by the Kanara Chamber of Commerce. As the prices ruling in the eastern surplus districts were high, no rice was imported by the local merchants by rail from those districts and they are inclined to get rice from the Mysore State. But if the Railway authorities favourably consider the question of reducing the railway freight as requested by the Government in their letter No.15255-F/41-2 dated 27.6.41, the merchants may import rice in considerable quantities from the surplus districts. I shall discuss this point with the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, if the Railway authorities agree to reduce the freight.

Yours sincerely,

11/7/41

Sri Rao Bahadur C.P.Karunakara Menon, B.A.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Stonehouse Hill, the Nilgiris.

the Hon.Secretary
Copy of letter from/the Kanara Chamber of Commerce
to the Collector of South Kanara dated 2nd July 1941.

Economic condition - Rice - Supply - "Appreciation"-

According to our promise to submit monthly an "appreciation" of rice situation, I have the honour to communicate the following "appreciation", for June 1941.

The price of rice in Burma having risen, prices went up in Malabar and the Eastern Districts also. But there is practically no rise in prices in this District, mainly due to the poor demand and the large imports from Mysore State.

Imports: Nearly 5,000 mooras of inferior rice has been imported from Mysore State during this month by lorries. The prices ruling in the Eastern Districts were high and no rice has been imported by Rail.

Exports: Only one small consignment of about 275 mooras was exported outside this district about ten days ago. No further consignments have been sent since then. All the members of the Chamber have been warned against this on 22nd June 1941 and a copy of the circular is enclosed here*.

Present situation: According to a large number of rice merchants, if the present poor demand continues, there is no reason why prices should go up during July as the stocks are sufficient so far as better class of rice is concerned. If arrivals from Mysore State are poor due to the high cost of transportation (a usual feature in the rain season) and difficulties of milling rice, at the same, there may be a slight increase for the inferior sorts. Every effort is being made by merchants to get the inferior rice from Mysore State.

On the advice of this Chamber, while every member has so far determined not to export rice to Malabar, where prices have suddenly gone up, some small consignments may be exported if there is any further rise overthere. While assuring you that this may not happen at least in the near future, we will have to expect a slight increase in the prices during the

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.ast week of July. The Chamber will watch the situation and will take such steps as are necessary in discouraging either exports or putting up prices.

Stock position: The stocks in the hands of the wholesale merchants is estimated at 52,000 mooras. This rice is mostly stocked for their day to day needs and is not held on for better prices. Therefore no anxiety need be felt about "profiteering".

Circular.

It is regrettable to note that contrary to the assurance given by this Chamber to the Collector of South Kanara and confirmed by him in his letter Ref.A5-1759-41, dated 7th May 1941, one wagon load of rice has been despatched to a station in Malabar.

It is hoped that members of this Chamber will act according to their own assurance and will not despatch any more rice to any place outside this District.

For the Kanara Chamber of Commerce

Sd/- M.Raghavendra Pai
Hon.Secretary.

Mangalore,
22-6-1941.

To all Rice Merchants.

/True Copy/

11/7/41

Collector.

11.7.41

Secy. Dept

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Letter no 1552 S5 R/41 Dt 22/7/41
Rec.

To

The Agent and
general manager,
S. I. Ry Mysore

Sir,

Economic condition
South Canara dt
Rice shortage -
Railway freight
Reduction of
Ref correspondence
ending with our
letter no Gen. 9/3/2
/407 of 12-7-41.

I am to
request the favour
of an early reply
I have etc

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Rly 25-7-41.

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in England)

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TELEGRAMS: SILVIA, Trichinopoly.
TELEPHONE: 82.

Office of the Agent and General Manager,

Trichinopoly,.....23rd July 1941.

No. G.T.9/3/24/415

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 JUL 1941
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Rice from Chingleput, Tanjore and Godavari Districts to Mangalore - Reduction in rates for.

Ref 5-6 ante Your letter No.15255-F/41-2, dated 27th June 1941.

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ante Further to my letter No. G.T. 9/3/24/407, dated 12th July 1941, I have to advise you that the important rice producing areas in the tract served by this Railway are in the Cauvery Delta, the Chingleput District being a subsidiary one. The general trend of traffic is more over shorter distances in the direction of Madras than over long distances to the West Coast and other centres. Recent enquiries made in this connection reveal that the surplus stock during this year in the Chingleput District for export to other stations after meeting the local demand is about 4,59,000 maunds. Upto end of April the total quantity railed was 2,62,308 maunds; to Madras 1,55,636 maunds and the balance mostly to West Coast stations. It is also understood that, during April to June, traffic has moved in appreciable quantities to the West Coast stations at tariff rates. There is no justification for any reduction in the existing rates from Chingleput District stations to Mangalore.

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2. Regarding traffic from Tanjore District stations, this Railway has already introduced a special rate of 7 annas a maund for rice and paddy to Cannanore and in view of the extra lead of 82 miles, it is proposed to quote Re.0/7/9 a maund for rice and paddy in minimum consignments of 540 maunds, owners to load and

12,120 tons

and unload, subject to the other usual conditions notified in the tariffs from the undermentioned stations to Mangalore:-

All stations between Kille and Tanjore (both stations inclusive on the Main line) including Mayavaram-Tranquebar, Mayavaram-Arantangi, Peralam-Karaikkal, Tiruturaipundi-Point Calimere, Tanjore-Nagore and Nidamangalam-Mannargudi branches.

3. As regards traffic from the Godavari District to Mangalore, the existing special rates for grain, pulses and seeds common from the North East line stations of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway to Mangalore (via Madras and Talarpet) notified in item 105, page 95 of our Goods Tariff, Part I B, No.7, are already based more or less on the Government minimum and it is not possible to make a further reduction. A list of these rates is enclosed for ready reference.

Extracted at p 23 infra Apara 2, p 7 ante p 23 infra

Yours faithfully,

for Ag. Agent and General Manager.

Encl: 1.

S.T.

List of Special rates to Mangalore for grain, pulses and seeds common, C/400; OR; L (item 105, page 95 of Goods Tariff Part I - B.7).

From Station.	Rate for a maund. Rs.	as.	ps.
Akividu	0	8	5
Attili	0	8	5
Bezwada	0	8	5
Bhattiprolu	0	8	5
Biccavol*	0	8	5
Bhimadol	0	8	5
Bhimavaram	0	8	5
Chebrol	0	8	5
Cocanada Port or Town	0	8	5
Duggirala	0	8	5
Dwarapudi	0	8	5
Ellore	0	8	5
Gudivada	0	8	5
Guntur	0	8	5
Kaikalur	0	8	5
Kaikaram	0	8	5
Kavutaram	0	8	5
Kolluru Road	0	8	5
Masulipatam	0	8	5
Narasapur	0	8	5
Nidadavolu	0	8	5
Nidubrolu	0	8	5
Nujella	0	8	5
Nuzvid	0	8	5
Palakol	0	8	5
Pulla	0	8	5
Rajamundry	0	8	5
Repalle	0	8	5
Samalkot	0	8	5
Tadepalligudem	0	8	5
Tanaku	0	8	5
Tenali	0	8	5
Undi	0	8	5
Unguturu	0	8	5

*Applies to Rice only.

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Dev. Dept

D. O. No. 15255F/41.6 of 30.7.41

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Economic condition
— South Kanara district
— Rice mortgage - re-lease
Freight - Reduction

Ref:- Correspondence ending with my D.O No 15255-F/41-6 dt. of 10.7.41.

In continuation of the D.O. quoted above I am directed to enclose for your information a copy of letter No. Ec. T. 5/3/24/41 415 of 23-7-41 received from the Agent and general manager of the S.R. Co. Please say whether any further action is necessary.

Y. S.

DPS re collr's ltr. S. K. dtd 30.7.41

DPS of 15.7.41

V submn Sec. 26/7/41
I.C.S.
Collector of S. Kanara.

Dy to the Board of Rev } with copies of
Dy to the D. I. & C. } DS 15-23

Collr's ltr dtd 30/7/41

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Letter No 15255 Fl/41 dy 30.7.41

To
The Agent & Goods Manager,
S I Ry Co Ltd
Trichy

Dergs.
W.P.

Sir,

Subject - Booking -
S. Kanara St - Rice shortage -
Ry freight - Retrenchm -
Ref your letter No G.T./9/3/24-415 dy 19 G
dy 23 7 41

I am directed to
with thanks
ack the receipt of
your letter quoted
above.

29/7/41

Dr
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Ch
30/7/41

D.O.
Ref.A5.1759-41.

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S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 3rd August 1941.

My dear Menon,

Economic condition - South Kanara District - Rice - supplies - Railway freight - Reduction -

Ref:-Your D.O.letter No.15255-F/41-4 dated 10.7.41.

In regard to the letter No.P.617 dated 2.7.41 from the Agent and General Manager, the M.& S.M.Railway Co.,Ltd.,Madras, copy of which was communicated to me with your letter cited above, the local merchants now represent to me that the rate per mile from stations in the East Godavari Dt. to Mangalore was already the same as for Calicut when they made their request, and they were aware of it, but what they wanted was that the total freight at that rate from those stations to Calicut should be the freight for Mangalore also. As the object of the reduction of rates sought for is to keep down the price of rice in this district, which can be done if the railway freight is reduced as now suggested by the merchants, I request that the Government may be pleased to address the Railway authorities once again.

Yours sincerely,

Sri Rao Bahadur C.P.Karunakara Menon, B.A.,
Secretary to Government, Development Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

D.O.
Ref.1759-41-A5.

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Mangalore, 6th August 1941.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 AUG 1941
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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My dear Menon,

Economic condition - Rice - shortage - Arrangements for shipping space - Requested -

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The shortage of stock of rice in this district still continues. In my D.O.letter dated 11.5.41, I had shown the estimated definiency of stock at 1½ lakhs of muras of rice. Since then about 50,000 muras of rice have been imported into this district from the Mysore State and the surplus districts in this Province. The balance to be made up is thus about one lakh of muras, which figure agrees with the estimate formed by the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, with the representatives of which I had a conference on 1.8.41.

2. The cultivation of some wet lands has been rendered impossible owing to the recent floods, either by their being silted up or by the seeds or seedlings having been washed off. Further, on account of the poor monsoon this year several acres of III class wet lands have not been cultivated as yet with the result that the out-turn this year is considered likely to be adversely affected. On account of the above facts the price of rice is steadily increasing in this district and cases of ~~the~~ a tendency on the part of some merchants and big wargdars to hold up stocks with a view to get still better prices have been reported from the Coondapur and Udipi taluks. This factor, will, besides, affect the quantity available even after the next harvest.

3. In order to make up the quantity required for consumption here and to steady the prices for local stocks, it is necessary to import rice from the surplus areas in the Province. The merchants have been arranging to do this. When, further, I suggested the import of rice from Burma also, they said that it would be very useful if a consignment of Burma rice were got into this district with the re-opening of the Port of Mangalore, which normally would take place by the 15th September 1941. If sufficient tonnage is assured to them, they are prepared to place orders in Rangoon. The

import of Burma rice will, I think, to an appreciable extent be a relieving and steadying factor and it is necessary and desirable to arrange for that. I request therefore that the Government may be pleased to arrange for shipping space to be provided for Mangalore for at least 1,000 tons of rice by the earliest steamer that can be made available in the Burma ports to reach here about the 15th September. I request that the availability of shipping space may be kindly intimated to me as early as possible so that I may instruct the Kanara Chamber of Commerce to place their orders in time.

Yours sincerely,

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Sri Rao Bahadur C.P.Karunakara Menon, B.A.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department, Fort St.George, Madras.

Sectt. 11-51—8,000—19-10-39.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
13 AUG 1941
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Public Press Department. Pub(Genl) W.O. 3088-2 12.8.41

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. *Name of Paper*— The Hindu
2. *Published at*— Madras
3. *Dated*— 11—8—41

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Rise in Price of Rice

Demonstration by Udipi Labourers

UDIPI, Aug. 9.

More than 500 poor labourers and handloom workers, yesterday made a peaceful demonstration at the Taluq Office before Mr R. Prasad, I.C.S., Sub-Collector, against the abnormal rise in the price of rice, and prayed for immediate relief.

Mr Paul Salins on behalf of the demonstrators represented to the Sub-Collector that they had already made a petition to the District Magistrate on this subject, who assured them that rice would be made available to them at a cheap price from June 1 but with no effect. Merchants were warned not to increase the price of rice beyond the rate fixed on pain of penalty under the Defence of India Rules which also was of no avail.

Rice Control Committee Discusses Representations

Mr R. Prasad, Sub-Collector, presiding, the Price Control Committee met later when representations made by the demonstrators were discussed. The meeting adjourned to next Wednesday after deciding to convene a special meeting of representatives of all castes and communities to bring the situation under control.

A special meeting was held in the evening when a committee was formed to approach the ryots and merchants to sell all available rice at Rs 5-4-0 per *mura* to be stored at the Taluq Office depot for retail sale to the poor. It is learnt that revenue firka depots will be started for the supply of cheap rice.

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Development Department.

Letter No. 15255 F/41-8 dated 12-8-41

Ref.

To

The Controller of Shipping,

Calcutta.

Sir,

Economic condition - South Kanara District - Rice - Shortage - Imports from Burma.

Correspondence ending with your telegram dated 9-5-1941.

I am directed to say that due to the recent ~~floods~~ cyclone it is anticipated that the out-turn of rice in the South Kanara District ~~is anticipated to~~ will be adversely affected and this combined with the lack of sufficient imports of Burma rice in the last season has ~~accentuated~~ increased and is likely to further increase the ~~rice~~ shortage ~~in the~~ of rice in the district. The local merchants have been endeavouring to make up the deficiency by imports from other surplus areas in the Province but imports from Burma at the earliest opportunity ~~are necessary~~ will help to relieve the situation specially. I am therefore directed to request that shipping space for at least 1000 tons of rice to Mangalore may be provided by the earlies

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steamer that can be made available in the Burma ports to reach Mangalore by about the 15th September when the port reopens.

The availability of the shipping space may be kindly intimated as early as possible, so that the information may be communicated to the merchants

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Copy to
M.V. Subrahmanyam Esq ICS
Coll of S. Kanara

Der Desk

D.O. No. 15255-F/41-43 14.8.41

My dear Subrahmanyam

Lemonade crowbar -
Rice shortage - Ref your D.O.
No. A5.1759-41 dt 3.8.41 &
6.8.41

I am directed to say that in view of the deputation reply of the Agent and my comments to you vide my D.O. No. 15255-F/41-43 dt. ... no useful purpose would be served by further pursuing the question of reduction of my. freights.

2. The Controller of Shipping, Calcutta has been addressed for/ship, as desired space reported to in para 2 of the 6th ult (copy of letter No. 15255-F/41-8 dt 12.8.41 about concessions) The Controller's reply will of course be communicated to you.

Yours
13.8.41

To M.V. Subrahmanyam Esq ICS.
C/o of S. Kumar
— Delhi

Letter unnumbered

Letter undated

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22AUG 1941
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT.

MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT.

Telegraphic Address "CONVOYSHIP" CALCUTTA

Office of the Representative in India, Burma & Ceylon,

16, Strand Road, CALCUTTA.

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19th August, 1941.

Sri Rao Bahadur C.P. Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

Economic condition South Kanara District
Rice Shortage - Imports from Burma.

Ref. 33-34 cur. I have your letter No.15255 F/41-8 of 12th instant and have gone into the position with the Coastal Conference Lines.

Their information is that, so far as they can visualize the demand there is not likely to be a vessel berthed in Rangoon for Mangalore before the second week in September. It is probable that the British India Company will then berth a vessel which can convey the rice offering for Mangalore.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

2 drafts

Please issue here today
MM
28/8

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Secy. Dept

D. O. No. (52)3 I/Cer-10 of 29/8/41

My dear Subrahmanyam

Economic condition
– Rice shortage

Ref correspondence ending with D.O. No. 15255 Fl/Cer-S/of 14-8-41.

I am directed to enclose a copy of a letter No. 9515 dated 18-8-41 received from the Controller of Shipping, Calcutta, ~~in reply to letter no 15255 Fl/Cer-8 dated 14.8.41 a copy of which was forwarded to~~ to say that the Controller has been asked to make the required shipping space available at least in the 2nd week of September

Yours
28.8.41

p. 35 ante

p. 37 ante

pp. 33-34 ante

Draft II ante

V. Subrahmanyam, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Canara

(note copy of p. 37 ante ~~Draft II~~)

Dept. concerned.
MM
27/8

VC°

Dev. Dept

Letter No. 1555F/41-II dt 29/8/41

To

The Controller of
Shipping,
Calcutta.

Sir,

Economic condition -
South Kanara dt. - Mica
- shortage - Imports
from Burma.
Ref.:- correspondence
ending with your
letter No. 8575 dt 18.8.41 dt. 27 dt.

I am directed
to acknowledge ~~the~~
~~Boards~~ the receipt of
your letter quoted
above. and to say that this Govt. would be grateful if
required
the necessary shipping space
could be made available
~~in connection~~ / allotted in the
second week of Sept.

I have etc

RD
29/8/41

WS
28/8/41

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28/8/41

Depy. Secy.
M
29/8/41

RD 29.8.41

D.O.
Ref.C.No.A5.1759-41.

S.Kanara Collector's Office,
Camp: Kasaragod, 9th Septr.1941.

My dear Menon,

Economic condition - Rice - shortage - Arrangement for shipping space - unnecessary.

Ref:- My D.O.letter dated 6.8.41 and your D.O.letter No.15255 F/41-10 dated 29.8.41.

The Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore, has reconsidered the question of importing rice from Burma. The Secretary of the Chamber now writes to me that the price of rice in Burma has advanced by Rs.30/- per unit of 45 bags since the beginning of the last month and that the Mangalore merchants had not made any purchases in Burma when the prices were low on account of the uncertainty of shipping facilities. The present rates in Burma, it is said, work out at more than Rs.6/- per mura for average quality of boiled rice when imported into Mangalore, while the boiled rice from the East Coast Districts will cost between Rs.5-7-0 to Rs.5-11-0 per mura.

2. The Secretary adds that large quantities of rice from the Eastern Districts have arrived at Mangalore and further stock is also expected. In view of the approaching harvest season in this district and the voluntary ban imposed by the Chamber on exports of rice and paddy to places outside the district, he says that the Chamber is of opinion that imports of rice from Burma are unsuitable and undesirable at present and that no substantial orders for rice will be placed in Burma by the merchants of Mangalore at present.

3. In the above circumstances no arrangements need now be made for procuring shipping space from Burma.

Yours sincerely,

9/9/41.

Sri Rao Bahadur C.P.Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to Government, Development Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Dev. dept.

Economic condition - South Kanara District - Rice - Shortage

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(Cov.° 15-2-5-F(1)) From the collector of South Kanara
p1 C.f. D.O. No. A.S. 173-F-41 of 4-6-41,
pp. 3-4 C.f. (Cov.° 15-5-56) From the collector of South Kanara D.O. A.S. 173-F-41 of 9-6-41

A.S.

The D.O. at pp 3-6 C.f. from the collector of South Kanara is submitted for perusal with reference to his earlier communication at pp. 100-108 of F.D. No. 545 Dev. of 20-5-41 and connected notes at pp. 133-135 ibid. ~~A draft letter to the Agents of the S.I.R. and M.S.M. Ry. companies is submd. with reference to 'A' on p. 4 C.f. No other action seem necessary in view of 'B' and 'C' on p. 3 C.f and 'D' on p. 4 C.f.~~

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p-5

W.T. 18-6-41. Before addressing the Ry Cos with ref to 'A' on p 4 C.f. we must know what exactly the existing rates are. The Collr has

S NO 54 14
C NO 1525. F/41.

not given figures. Draft memo is submitted.

24/6/41.

7/4/6/41 S

We could get the information more quickly from the Railway Company. We need not trouble them.

20/6/41

A. S.

As ordered above a draft letter to the N. & S. M. and S. I. Railway companies is submitted.

23.6.41. 24/6/41

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Ar 25/6.

No 5/7

(Letter to the Agent and General Manager, S.I.R. and B.N. Railway No. L15-2 ST F/41-2 dt 27-6-41]

(C.No 17462) From the Agent and General Manager, M.& S.M. Rly No. P. 617 dt 2-7-41

A. S.

The reply of the Agent and General Manager, M.& S.I.

SWO: ~~ST~~
C.No. 15255 F-
For favr. two
refer

Railway Co at ℘ 7 of to the letter at ℘℘ 5-6 of is subs. for perusal subs that a copy of the letter may be communicated to the Coll^r of S. Canara. Draft D.O. is subs.

Draft reminder to the S.I. Rly. is also subs

Issue 7/4

Issued
*See draft II below

Draft D.O. for approval
7/4
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S (after issue of R to the SIR)

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10/7/41

D.O. issued – 1·9·41

[D.O. to the Collector of South Canara No 15255-F/41-4 of 10/7/41]

℘ 8 of

[Letter to the Agent and Genl. Manager No 15255 F/41-3 of 8.7.41]

℘ 10 of

(C.No. 18576) From the Agent and Genl. Manager, S.I. Rly. to No Cr. T. 5/3/24(Mis) 8/12-7-41

℘ 11 of

(C.No. 18677) From the Collector of S. Canara No. 15255/41-A5 of 11-7-41.

℘ 13 of

A.S.

The interim reply of the Agent and General Manager of the S.I.R. Co. at ℘ 11 of to the letter at ℘ 5-6 of is subs. for perusal Next Rs 22-7-41.

The D.O. from the Collector of South Canara at

p. 13 of enclosing a copy of the Kanara Chamber's "appreciation" of the rice situation in the district for general ss subs. for perusal. pp 15-18 of

The Collr's do ont 13 of has crossed out do ont 9 of

17/7 CM 20/7

CPB 22/7

A.S.

Draft reminder to the Agent and general Manager S. I. Rly. ss subs.

JN 22/7

WP 22.7.41. CP 227/41

Letter to the Agent and general Manager, S. I. Rly., Trichinopoly No 15-25-F/41-5 of 22-7-41 (CN No. 1572/5) From the Agent and General Manager, South Indian Railway ltr no. Tr. S/3/244/41/5 of 23-7-41. pp 17 of pp 19-21 of

A.S.

The reply of the Agent and general Manager S. I. Rly., at pp 15-23 of to the letter at pp. 5-6 of ss subs. for perusal. As regards traffic to

Mangalore from stations in the Chingleput and East Godavari districts the demurs to reduce the existing rates of freight But in the case of traffic from Tanjore district stations he has agreed to quote a special rate of Rs 5-7-5 a maund similar to the special rate of 7 annas a maund already introduced in regard to traffic to Cannanore Subd. that a copy of the letter may be communicated to the Collector of South Canara. Draft D. O. is subd. Draft act to S.I.R is also subd

'A' pp 15 and 5 para 3 pp 21 Cf

para 2, pp 13-14 Cf.

Rly. Subd. Cf 26/Aug

Rly 28.7.44

Cm 30/7/44

[D.O. to the collector of S. Canara No. 15257 F/41-6 of 30-7-41.]

p 25 Cf

- Letter to the Agent and for Mgr, S I Rly No 15255 F/41-7 of 30-7-41]

p. 26 Cf

From the Collector of S. Canara

p. 27 Cf

D (Conf 20 pp 6) D.O. Ref A.S. 1757-41 dt 3-8-44

pp 28-30 Cf. Ex 2) (Conf:) D: — do — dt 6-8-44

Please see the D.O

letters from the Collector of South Kanara at pp 27 and 28-30 of Subs. That in view of what the Agent and General Manager of the M.& S.M. Ry. Co. has said in para 2 on p 7 of it ~~is for view whether it is~~ ~~does not seem~~ necessary to ~~address~~ press the company again as suggested by the Collector at 'A' on p. 27 of.

The Ry. Board in their letter did not advise any further reduction - pp 7 C/f. Ry. Bd's D.O. letter dt 12.8.41 No further action is necessary on their Cttee

With reference to the Collector's request at 'B' on p 30 of a draft letter to the ~~Traffic~~ Controller of Stores, Shipping ~~Advisor~~ is subs.

Issued pp 35-34 C/f

Ry Bd/Cel. 9/8.41 14/8

Ry 12.8.41

Cash 12.8.41

A draft D.O. to the Chr of S Kanara is subs

The press cutting at p 31 C/f is subs for perusal. Reject is solicited & 'A' thereon

Ry 12.8.41

Ry 12.8.41

Cash 12.8.41

[illegible] D.O. letter to Collector of South Kanara [illegible] p. 35 C/f.

(CN:22694) From the Contr'r
p.37 of Shipping, Cochin dt 15.5.41

A.S.

The reply of the Controller of Shipping at p.37 of. to the letter at pp.33-36 of is submitted for perusal. A cy of the reply may be communicated to the Collector of South Canara Draft D.O. is subd. Draft addd to the Controller of Shipping is also subd.

2/5/41 p/ for perusal of Hon'ble Minister

[D.O. to the Collector of South Canara No.15295 F/41 -10 of 28-8-41]

p.35 of

[Letter to the Controller of Shipping, Calcutta, No.15258 F/41 -11 of 25-8-41]

p.40 of

(CN:26769) From the Collector of South Canara D.O. A.S.1757/41 of 8-9-41,

A.S.

Please see the D.O. from the Collector of South Canara at p.41 of. In view of para 3 this

it is submitted that no reminder need issue to the letter to the Controller of Shipping at p. 40 of.

Subs. that as there is no other action pending in this file the papers may be recorded.

RJ
15/9/41

MM
13.9.41.

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13/9/41

To M.S. No. 1703
16/9/41

Economic Condition - Canara Dt. - Rice supplies - Reduced railway ~~freight from~~ rates ~~supplies~~ to maintain ~~correspondence~~ with railway companies - ~~Deputation from~~ Bombay - Provision of shipping ~~Bombay~~ ~~Correspondence~~ with the Controller of Shipping pp.

pp. recorded.

Statement showing the wholesale price of Burma Mill clean Rice 1 sort at Rangoon per 7500 lbs.

5- 5-Cel	Rs.	347-8-0
10- 5-Cel	"	342-0-0
16- 5-Cel	"	345-0-0
23- 5-Cel	"	345-0-0
30- 5-Cel	"	357-8-0
6- 6-Cel	"	367-8-0
13- 6-Cel	"	385-0-0
20- 6-Cel	"	357-8-0
27- 6-Cel	"	412-8-0
4- 7-Cel	"	420-0-0
11- 7-Cel	"	412-8-0
18- 7-Cel	"	415-0-0
25- 7-Cel	"	352-8-0
1- 8-Cel	"	385-0-0
8- 8-Cel	"	382-8-0
15- 8-Cel	"	362-8-0
22- 8-Cel	"	352-8-0
29- 8-Cel	"	377-8-0
5- 9-Cel	"	370-0-0.

M. M. 348.

No. [illegible]

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
23 SEP 1941
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.
(Incorporated in England.)
Post Box No. 163.

Calcutta, 19th September 1941.

25930 F

Sri Rao Bahadur C. P. Karunakara Menon,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

S i r,

With reference to your letter of 29th ultimo to the Controller of Shipping, Calcutta, which has been passed on to us, we would advise that the s.s. "Winifred Moller" ~~which~~ left Rangoon on 18th instant with about 3000 tons rice for Cochin.

Further to our letter No. Ex 154 of 28th February last we send you herewith statement showing the Company's steamers lifted rice from Burma ports for Malabar ports.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,

Per Pro: MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO.

MANAGING AGENTS.

B. I. RICE SHIPMENT - RANGOON.

Steamers	Leaves	Colachel	Trivandrum	Quilon	Alleppey	Cochin	Poonani	Calicut	Badagara	Tellicherry	Cannanore	Mangalore
J.Justesen	3.3.41	-	-	-	-	4048	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mimer	4.3.41	-	1542	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marosa	7.3.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	1906	-	-	-	-
Cape St.Francis	1.3.41	-	1129	1029	-	2349	-	-	-	-	-	-
Warina	15.3.41	-	-	-	848	3502	-	-	-	-	-	-
Egorlock	17.3.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	1592	700	743	935	-
Apoey	22.3.41	-	809	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mimer	24.3.41	-	1555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Itola	4.4.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	625	945	983	-
Velebit	10.4.41	-	-	-	-	2349	-	2960	-	1449	-	-
Nirpura	14.4.41	-	-	-	-	2848	-	-	-	-	-	-
Itaura	21.4.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	562	1370	-	-
Hupeh	23.4.41	-	-	-	-	2303	-	-	-	-	-	-
Itinda	3.5.41	-	-	-	-	2817	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newchwang	17.5.41	-	-	-	-	2551	-	-	-	-	-	-
Egorlock	31.5.41	-	-	-	-	2051	-	-	-	-	-	-
Szechuen	1.6.41	-	-	-	-	2414	-	-	-	-	-	-
Itola	24.6.41	-	-	-	-	3057	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	12235	1029	848	30289	-	6458	1887	4507	1918	-

B.I. RICE SHIPMENT. MOULMEIN.

	Leaves.	Colachel.	Trivandrum.	Quilon.	Alleppey.	Cochin.	Poonani.	Calicut.	Badagara.	Tellicherry.	Cannanore.	Mangalore.
Proteus.	8/3/41.	-	-	-	-	2152	-	-	-	-	-	-
Apoey	16/3/41.	-	289	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marosa	29/3/41.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1961	-	-	-	-
Itola	31/3/41.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	309	-	886	-
Agnes	26/4/41.	-	1628	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Itinda	29/4/41.	-	-	-	-	682	-	-	-	-	-	-
Velebit	13/5/41.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2948	-	-	-	-
Egorlock	28/5/41.	-	-	-	-	4425	-					
Total:			1917	-	-	7259	-	4909	309	-	886	-

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B. I.

RICE SHIPMENT - BASSEIN

	Leaves	Colachel	Trivandrum	Quilon	Alleppey	Cochin	Poonam	Calicut	Badagara	Tellicherry	Cannanore	Mangalore
Honduras	18.3.41											1001
Utsire	19.3.41					1909	1224					
Sinkiang	21.3.41						2663					
Pipina	13.4.41							3614				
Egorlock	17.4.41					3260		1482		1939		
J.Justesen	27.4.41				1232							
Nyco	6. 5.41					2498						
Ismaila	15.5. 41							2284				
Fultala	5.6.41					3179						
Warina	19.6.41					4354						
Itola	23.7.41					2175						
Total					1232	17375	3887	7380		1939		1001

B. I. RICE SHIPMENT — AKYAB

	Leaves	Colachel	Trivandrum	Quilon	Alleppey	Cochin	Poonani	Calicut	Badagara	Tellicherry	Cannanore	Mangalore.
Gandara	14.3.41		1278			4649						
Itaura	25.3.41					3498		1692			2909	
Gandara	7.4.41					3320		2433			1982	
Itria	6.6.41					6703						
Itola	19.6.41					4500						
Total -			1278			22670		4125			4891	

dev dept

Letter - No ISCC 5 F/61-4-25/5/61
Reg

To

M/S The A.C.G. (India)
Ltd,
Madras.

Gentlemen,

Subject -
deliveries to Madras
- Reg correspondence
ending with my letter
No ISCC 5 F/61 - 4 &
1-5-61.

I am directed
to enquire when the
shipment of deliveries
of Sub-Gp to this
Province during August
1961 may be expected.
I have etc

for
Dy. Secy.
25
24/5/61

for Dy
25/5

NB 2/10/61

Dev. Dept

Letter No. 25530 F/61 dt 15/5/41
Reg.

Do

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M/s Mackinnon
Mackenzie & Co.,
Post Box No 163
Calcutta.

Gentlemen,

Rice - Imports,
from Burma.

Ref:- Your letter
EK. 764 dt 19-5-41

I am directed to acknowledge with Thanks the receipt of your letter quoted above.

I have etc.

26/5/41

Development Dept.

Economic condition – Rice – Imports from Burma – Shipping space

(Car. 2593) From the British India Steam Navigation Co. No. E.K. 766 of 15-5-41

C.F.

A.S.

Please see the letter in the C.F. from M/s Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co. with reference to the correspondence at pp. 33-36, 37 and 40 of Gen. 1703 Ser. of 16-5-41. The Company's letter ~~is beside the point as it~~ does not furnish information regarding shipping space to Mangalore. Submitted that the matter need not however be pursued in view of the fact that the Collector of South Kanara has since reported that no arrangements need now be made for procuring shipping space for Mangalore. Draft acknowledgment to the Company is subs.

(2) p 41.

2. With reference to

Secretary's query at 'B' on p1 c/f. it is subs. that the information referred to at 'A' on p 1 - f was not called for by the Govt & stated by Secretary all this information has been covered by the weekly reports of shipments of Burma rice to West coast ports which were till recently sent to the Govt by the Controller of Shipping and which ~~have ceased~~ ceased with effect from 1st Dec.

3. Subs. that after issue of the acc. to the Company the papers may be stitched with Govt. of India order of 16-5-41.

c/f Fo 1138 (V) 23 6-41 p26

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Put up for perusal 26/9/41

Dy 2nd Sec. 25/9/41

C.A.B 26/9/41.

CA 28/9/41